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# The Point of Coincidence and Common Fixed Point for Three Mappings in Cone Metric Spaces

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The aim of this paper is to present the point of coincidence and common fixed point for three mappings in cone metric spaces over normal cone which satisfy a different contractive condition. Our result generalizes the recent related results proved by Stojan Radenović (2009) and Rangamma and Prudhvi (2012).

## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

It is well known that the classical contraction mapping principle of Banach is a fundamental result in fixed point theory. Several authors have obtained various extensions and generalizations of Banach's theorems by considering contractive mappings on different metric spaces. Huang and Zhang [1] have replaced real numbers by ordering Banach space and have defined a cone metric space. They have proved some fixed point theorems of contractive mappings on cone metric spaces. Further generalizations of Huang and Zhang were obtained by Abbas and Jungck [2]. In 2009 Radenović [3] has obtained coincidence point result for two mappings in cone metric spaces which satisfy new contractive conditions. Recently, in this paper we generalized the coincidence point results of Radenović [3] for three maps with different contractive condition.

We recall some definitions and results that will be needed in what follows.

**Definition 1.** Let  $E$  be a real Banach space and  $P$  be a subset of  $E$ . Then  $P$  is called a cone if

- (1)  $P$  is closed, nonempty and satisfies  $P \neq \{0\}$ ,
- (2)  $a, b \in P, a, b \geq 0$ , and  $x, y \in P$  imply  $ax + by \in P$ ,
- (3)  $x \in P$  and  $-x \in P$  imply  $x = 0$ .

Given a cone  $P \subseteq E$ , we define a partial ordering  $\leq$  with respect to  $P$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $y - x \in P$ . We shall write  $x < y$  if  $x \leq y$  and  $x \neq y$ , while  $x \ll y$  if and only if  $y - x \in \text{int } P$ , where  $\text{int } P$  is the interior of  $P$ . A cone  $P$  is called normal if there is a number  $K > 0$  such that, for all  $x, y \in E, 0 \leq x \leq y$  implies  $\|x\| \leq K\|y\|$ . The least positive number satisfying the above inequality is called the normal constant of  $P$ .

In the following we suppose that  $E$  is a real Banach space and  $P$  is a cone in  $E$  with  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$  and  $\leq$  is a partial ordering with respect to  $P$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Suppose that the mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  satisfies

- (i)  $0 \leq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
- (iii)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then  $d$  is called a cone metric on  $X$ , and  $(X, d)$  is called a cone metric space.

**Example 3.** Let  $E = \mathbb{R}^2, P = \{(x, y) \in E : x, y \geq 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2, X = \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  be defined by  $d(x, y) = d((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = [\max(|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|), \alpha \max(|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|)]$ , where  $\alpha \geq 0$  is a constant; then  $(X, d)$  is a cone metric space.

*Definition 4.* Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space,  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  if for every  $c$  lies in  $E$  with  $0 \ll c$  there is an  $N$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $d(x_n, x) \ll c$ . One denotes this by  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Definition 5.* Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space,  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . If for every  $c$  lies in  $E$  with  $0 \ll c$  there is an  $N$  such that for all  $n, m > N$ ,  $d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is called a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

*Definition 6.* A cone metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent in  $X$ .

**Lemma 7.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space and  $P$  be a normal cone. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . One has the following.

- (i)  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x \in X$  if and only if  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (ii)  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence if and only if  $d(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (iii)  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x \in X$  and  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $y \in X$ . Then  $x = y$ .

*Definition 8.* Let  $f$  and  $g$  be self-maps on set  $X$ . If  $fx = gx = w$  for some  $x$  in  $X$ , then  $x$  is called a coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$ , and  $w$  is called a point of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$ .

*Definition 9.* Two self-mappings  $f$  and  $g$  of a cone metric space  $X$  are said to be weakly compatible if  $fgx = gfx$  whenever  $fx = gx$ .

## 2. Main Result

In this section, we give fixed point theorems for mappings defined on cone metric space with generalized contractive condition.

**Theorem 10.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space and  $P$  be a normal cone with normal constant  $K$ . Suppose that the mappings  $f, g$ , and  $h : X \rightarrow X$  satisfy the condition

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(fx, gy)\| \leq & a \|d(hx, hy)\| + b \|d(fx, hx)\| \\ & + c \|d(gy, hy)\| + \lambda \{ \|d(hx, gy)\| \\ & + \|d(fx, hy)\| \} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $a, b, c$ , and  $\lambda$  are nonnegative real numbers satisfying  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$ . If the range of  $h$  contains range of  $f$  and also range of  $g$  and  $h(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have a unique point of coincidence in  $X$ . Moreover, if  $(f, h)$  and  $(g, h)$  are weakly compatible, then  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary point. Since  $f(X)$  and  $g(X)$  are contained in  $h(X)$ , there exists  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $y_0 = fx_0 = hx_1$ , and also there exists  $x_2 \in X$  such that  $y_1 = gx_1 = hx_2$ . Continuing this process, a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  can be chosen

such that  $y_{2n} = fx_{2n} = hx_{2n+1}$  and  $y_{2n+1} = gx_{2n+1} = hx_{2n+2}$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ; then

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})\| &= \|d(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1})\| \\ &\leq a \|d(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1})\| \\ &\quad + b \|d(fx_{2n}, hx_{2n})\| \\ &\quad + c \|d(gx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1})\| \\ &\quad + \lambda \{ \|d(hx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1})\| \\ &\quad + \|d(fx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1})\| \} \\ &= a \|d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})\| \\ &\quad + b \|d(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1})\| + c \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\| \\ &\quad + \lambda \{ \|d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1})\| + \|d(y_{2n}, y_{2n})\| \} \\ &\leq a \|d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})\| + b \|d(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1})\| \\ &\quad + c \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\| + \lambda \{ \|d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})\| \\ &\quad + \|d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})\| \} \\ &= (a + b + \lambda) \|d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})\| \\ &\quad + (c + \lambda) \|d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})\|. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

This implies that  $\|d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})\| \leq ((a + b + \lambda)/(1 - (c + \lambda))) \|d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})\|$ .

Thus

$$\|d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})\| \leq \eta \|d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})\|, \tag{3}$$

where  $\eta = (a + b + \lambda)/(1 - (c + \lambda)) \in [0, 1)$ , as  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$ .

Writing  $d_n = \|d(y_n, y_{n+1})\|$ , we obtain

$$d_{2n} \leq \eta d_{2n-1}. \tag{4}$$

Again

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1})\| &= \|d(fx_{2n+2}, gx_{2n+1})\| \\ &\leq a \|d(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+1})\| \\ &\quad + b \|d(fx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+2})\| \\ &\quad + c \|d(gx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1})\| \\ &\quad + \lambda \{ \|d(hx_{2n+2}, gx_{2n+1})\| \\ &\quad + \|d(fx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+1})\| \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\| \\
 &\quad + b \|d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1})\| \\
 &\quad + c \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\| \\
 &\quad + \lambda \{ \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})\| \\
 &\quad\quad + \|d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n})\| \} \\
 &\leq a \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\| \\
 &\quad + b \|d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1})\| \\
 &\quad + c \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\| \\
 &\quad + \lambda \{ \|d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1})\| \\
 &\quad\quad + \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\| \} \\
 &= (a + c + \lambda) \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\| \\
 &\quad + (b + \lambda) \|d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1})\|. \tag{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\|d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1})\| \leq ((a + c + \lambda)/(1 - (b + \lambda))) \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\|$ .

Thus

$$\|d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1})\| \leq \mu \|d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\|, \tag{6}$$

where  $\mu = (a + c + \lambda)/(1 - (b + \lambda)) \in [0, 1)$ , as  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$ .

Therefore

$$d_{2n+1} \leq \mu d_{2n}. \tag{7}$$

From (4) and (7) we get

$$d_{2n} \leq \eta d_{2n-1} \leq \eta \mu d_{2n-2} \leq \dots \leq \eta^n \mu^n d_0, \tag{8}$$

$$d_{2n+1} \leq \mu d_{2n} \leq \eta \mu d_{2n-1} \leq \dots \leq \eta^n \mu^{n+1} d_0.$$

Therefore

$$d_{2n} + d_{2n+1} \leq \eta^n \mu^n (1 + \mu) d_0, \tag{9}$$

$$d_{2n+1} + d_{2n+2} \leq \eta^n \mu^{n+1} (1 + \eta) d_0. \tag{10}$$

Now we will show that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. By triangle inequality for  $m > n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(y_n, y_m) &\leq d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) \\
 &\quad + \dots + d(y_{m-1}, y_m). \tag{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, as  $P$  is normal cone with normal constant  $K$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|d(y_n, y_m)\| &\leq K \|d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) \\
 &\quad + \dots + d(y_{m-1}, y_m)\| \\
 &\leq K \{ \|d(y_n, y_{n+1})\| + \|d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2})\| \\
 &\quad + \dots + \|d(y_{m-1}, y_m)\| \}. \tag{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $n$  is even, then from (9) and (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|d(y_n, y_m)\| &\leq K \{d_n + d_{n+1} + d_{n+2} + d_{n+3} + \dots\} \\
 &\leq K \{ \eta^{n/2} \mu^{n/2} (1 + \mu) d_0 \\
 &\quad + \eta^{(n+2)/2} \mu^{(n+2)/2} (1 + \mu) d_0 + \dots \} \\
 &= K \frac{(\eta \mu)^{n/2} (1 + \mu)}{1 - \eta \mu} d_0. \tag{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $n$  is odd, then from (10) and (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|d(y_n, y_m)\| &\leq K \{d_n + d_{n+1} + d_{n+2} + d_{n+3} + \dots\} \\
 &\leq K \{ \eta^{(n-1)/2} \mu^{(n-1)/2+1} (1 + \eta) d_0 + \eta^{(n+1)/2} \\
 &\quad \times \mu^{(n+1)/2+1} (1 + \eta) d_0 + \dots \} \\
 &= K \frac{(\eta \mu)^{(n-1)/2} (1 + \eta) \mu}{1 - \eta \mu} d_0. \tag{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\eta < 1, \mu < 1$ , therefore  $\eta \mu < 1$ , so in both cases,  $\|d(y_n, y_m)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

From Lemma 7, it follows that  $\{y_n\} = \{hx_{n+1}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $h(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , there exists  $q$  in  $h(X)$  such that  $\{hx_{n+1}\} \rightarrow q$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; consequently we can find  $p$  in  $X$  such that  $hp = q$ . We shall show that  $hp = fp = gp$ .

Now using contractive condition (1), we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|d(fp, gx_{2n+1})\| &\leq a \|d(hp, hx_{2n+1})\| \\
 &\quad + b \|d(fp, hp)\| \\
 &\quad + c \|d(gx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1})\| \\
 &\quad + \lambda \{ \|d(hp, gx_{2n+1})\| \\
 &\quad\quad + \|d(fp, hx_{2n+1})\| \}. \tag{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|d(fp, q)\| &\leq a \|d(hp, q)\| + b \|d(fp, hp)\| \\
 &\quad + c \|d(q, q)\| + \lambda \{ \|d(hp, q)\| + \|d(fp, q)\| \} \\
 &= (b + \lambda) \|d(fp, q)\|, \quad \text{since } hp = q. \tag{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $fp = q$ , since  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$  and  $a, b, c, \lambda \geq 0$ .

Again from (1), we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|d(fx_{2n}, gp)\| &\leq a \|d(hx_{2n}, hp)\| \\
 &\quad + b \|d(fx_{2n}, hx_{2n})\| + c \|d(gp, hp)\| \\
 &\quad + \lambda \{ \|d(hx_{2n}, gp)\| + \|d(fx_{2n}, hp)\| \}. \tag{17}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(q, gp)\| &\leq a\|d(q, hp)\| + b\|d(q, q)\| \\ &\quad + c\|d(gp, hp)\| \\ &\quad + \lambda\{\|d(q, gp)\| + \|d(q, hp)\|\} \\ &= (c + \lambda)\|d(gp, q)\|, \quad \text{since } hp = q. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Hence,  $gp = q$ , since  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$  and  $a, b, c, \lambda \geq 0$ .

So we get

$$hp = gp = fp = q. \tag{19}$$

Therefore  $p$  is a coincidence point of  $f, g$ , and  $h$ .

Now we show that  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have a unique point of coincidence. For this, assume that there exists another point of coincidence  $r$  in  $X$  such that  $fp_1 = gp_1 = hp_1 = r$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(gp, gp_1)\| &= \|d(fp, gp_1)\| \leq a\|d(hp, hp_1)\| \\ &\quad + b\|d(fp, hp)\| + c\|d(gp_1, hp_1)\| \\ &\quad + \lambda\{\|d(hp, gp_1)\| + \|d(fp, hp_1)\|\} \\ &= (a + 2\lambda)\|d(gp, gp_1)\|. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Since  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$  and  $a, b, c, \lambda \geq 0$ , so from (20),  $gp = gp_1$ .

Therefore,  $q = fp = hp = p = gp_1 = fp_1 = hp_1 = r$ , and hence  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have unique point of coincidence in  $X$ .

Now from (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(ffp, fp)\| &= \|d(ffp, gp)\| \\ &\leq a\|d(hfp, hp)\| + b\|d(ffp, hfp)\| \\ &\quad + c\|d(gp, hp)\| \\ &\quad + \lambda\{\|d(hfp, gp)\| + \|d(ffp, hp)\|\}. \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

As  $(f, h)$  is weakly compatible, therefore from (19) and (21) we can write

$$\|d(ffp, fp)\| \leq (a + 2\lambda)\|d(ffp, fp)\|. \tag{22}$$

As  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$  and  $a, b, c, \lambda \geq 0$ , so from (22),  $ffp = fp$ .

Therefore,

$$fq = q. \tag{23}$$

Also,

$$q = fp = ffp = fhp = hfp = hq. \tag{24}$$

Again from (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(gp, ggp)\| &= \|d(fp, ggp)\| \\ &\leq a\|d(hp, hgp)\| + b\|d(fp, hp)\| \\ &\quad + c\|d(ggp, hgp)\| \\ &\quad + \lambda\{\|d(hp, ggp)\| + \|d(fp, hgp)\|\}. \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

As  $(g, h)$  is weakly compatible, therefore from (19) and (25) we can write

$$\|d(gp, ggp)\| \leq (a + 2\lambda)\|d(gp, ggp)\|. \tag{26}$$

As  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$  and  $a, b, c, \lambda \geq 0$ , so from (26),  $ggp = gp$ . Hence,

$$gq = q. \tag{27}$$

From (23), (24), and (27), it follows that  $q$  is common fixed point for  $f, g$ , and  $h$ .

Now we shall prove the uniqueness of common fixed point for  $f, g$ , and  $h$ . Suppose  $r$  is another common fixed point for  $f, g$ , and  $h$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(q, r)\| &\leq a\|d(hq, hr)\| + b\|d(fq, hq)\| \\ &\quad + c\|d(gr, hr)\| \\ &\quad + \lambda\{\|d(hq, gr)\| + \|d(fq, hr)\|\} \\ &= (a + 2\lambda)\|d(q, r)\|. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Therefore,  $q = r$ , since  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$  and  $a, b, c, \lambda \geq 0$ . Thus  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have unique common fixed point in  $X$ .  $\square$

*Remark 11.* (i) If we take  $b = c = \lambda = 0, a = k$  in Theorem 10, then

$$\|d(fx, gy)\| \leq k\|d(hx, hy)\|, \quad \text{where } k \in [0, 1). \tag{29}$$

(ii) If we take  $a = \lambda = 0, b = c = k$  in Theorem 10, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(fx, gy)\| &\leq k\{\|d(fx, hx)\| + \|d(gy, hy)\|\}, \\ &\quad \text{where } k \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

(iii) If we take  $a = b = c = 0, \lambda = k$  in Theorem 10, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(fx, gy)\| &\leq k\{\|d(hx, gy)\| + \|d(fx, hy)\|\}, \\ &\quad \text{where } k \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

From Remark 11, it is clear that Theorem 2.1 in [4] is a special case of Theorem 10 with  $a = k$  and  $b = c = \lambda = 0$ , where  $k \in [0, 1)$ , and Theorem 2.3 in [4] is a special case of Theorem 10 with  $a = \lambda = 0$  and  $b = c = k$ , where  $k \in [0, 1/2)$ . Therefore, we can say that Theorem 10 has generalized and unified the main results in [4].

In Theorem 10 if we take  $g = f$ , then as immediate consequence of Theorem 10 we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 12.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space and  $P$  be a normal cone with normal constant  $K$ . Suppose that the mappings  $f, h : X \rightarrow X$  satisfy the condition*

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(fx, fy)\| &\leq a\|d(hx, hy)\| + b\|d(fx, hx)\| \\ &\quad + c\|d(fy, hy)\| \\ &\quad + \lambda\{\|d(hx, fy)\| + \|d(fx, hy)\|\}, \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $a, b, c$ , and  $\lambda$  are nonnegative real numbers satisfying  $a + b + c + 2\lambda < 1$ . If the range of  $h$  contains the range of  $f$  and  $h(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $f$  and  $h$  have a unique point of coincidence in  $X$ . Moreover, if  $(f, h)$  is weakly compatible, then  $f$  and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Remark 13.** (i) If we take  $b = c = \lambda = 0, a = k$  in Corollary 12, then

$$\|d(fx, fy)\| \leq k \|d(hx, hy)\|, \quad \text{where } k \in [0, 1). \tag{33}$$

(ii) If we take  $a = \lambda = 0, b = c = k$  in Corollary 12, then

$$\|d(fx, fy)\| \leq k \{ \|d(fx, hx)\| + \|d(fy, hy)\| \}, \tag{34}$$

where  $k \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

(iii) If we take  $a = b = c = 0, \lambda = k$  in Corollary 12, then

$$\|d(fx, fy)\| \leq k \{ \|d(hx, fy)\| + \|d(fx, hy)\| \}, \tag{35}$$

where  $k \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

From Remark 13 it is clear that Theorem 2.3 [3] is a special case of Corollary 12. Therefore we can say that Theorem 10 has generalized and unified the main result of Radenović in [3].

We present now some nontrivial examples that illustrate how general and important is the result given by Theorem 10.

**Example 14.** Let  $E = R^2$ , with the norm  $\|(x, y)\| = |x| + |y|$ , be a real Banach space and let  $P = \{(x, y) \in E : x, y \geq 0\}$ . If we consider  $X = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta\}$  and define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by

$$\begin{aligned} d(\alpha, \beta) &= d(\beta, \alpha) = (0.9, 0.9), \\ d(\alpha, \gamma) &= d(\gamma, \alpha) = (0.5, 3), \\ d(\alpha, \delta) &= d(\delta, \alpha) = (1, 2.2), \\ d(\beta, \gamma) &= d(\gamma, \beta) = (0.5, 3), \\ d(\beta, \delta) &= d(\delta, \beta) = (1, 2.5), \\ d(\gamma, \delta) &= d(\delta, \gamma) = (1, 3), \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

$$d(\alpha, \alpha) = d(\beta, \beta) = d(\gamma, \gamma) = d(\delta, \delta) = (0, 0),$$

then  $(X, d)$  is a cone metric space. Let  $f, g$ , and  $h : X \rightarrow X$  be defined, respectively, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f\alpha &= \beta, & f\beta &= \beta, & f\gamma &= \alpha, & f\delta &= \beta, \\ g\alpha &= \beta, & g\beta &= \beta, & g\gamma &= \delta, & g\delta &= \beta, \\ h\alpha &= \delta, & h\beta &= \beta, & h\gamma &= \gamma, & h\delta &= \alpha. \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Then  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have the properties mentioned in Theorem 10, and also  $f, g$ , and  $h$  satisfy the inequality (1).

Hence the conditions of Theorem 10 are satisfied. Therefore we conclude that  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have unique point of coincidence and also unique common fixed point.

Here it is seen that  $\beta$  is unique point of coincidence and also the unique common fixed point of  $f, g$ , and  $h$ .

**Remark 15.** Example 14 does not satisfy the conditions (29) and (30) at the points  $x = \gamma, y = \gamma$  and  $x = \beta, y = \gamma$ , respectively. Therefore, we can say that inequalities of Theorems 2.1 and 2.3 of [4] fail at the points  $x = \gamma, y = \gamma$  and  $x = \beta, y = \gamma$ , respectively. Hence, Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.3 of [4] cannot apply to Example 14.

**Example 16.** Let  $E = R$ , with the norm  $\|x\| = |x|$ , be a real Banach space and let  $P = \{x \in E : x \geq 0\}$ . Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and also define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $(X, d)$  is a cone metric space. Let  $f, h : X \rightarrow X$  be defined, respectively, as follows:

$$fx = \begin{cases} 2 - x, & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases} \tag{38}$$

Also

$$hx = x, \quad \text{for } x \in X. \tag{39}$$

Then  $f$  and  $h$  have the properties mentioned in Corollary 12, and also  $f$  and  $h$  satisfy the inequality (32).

Hence the conditions of Corollary 12 are satisfied. Therefore we conclude that  $f$  and  $h$  have unique point of coincidence and also unique common fixed point.

Here it is seen that 0 is unique point of coincidence and also the unique common fixed point of  $f$  and  $h$ .

**Remark 17.** Example 16 does not satisfy the conditions ((33), (35)), and (34) at the points  $x = 1, y = 2$  and  $x = 2, y = 0$ , respectively. Therefore, we can say that inequalities ((2.4), (2.6)) and (2.5) of [3] fail at the points  $x = 1, y = 2$  and  $x = 2, y = 0$ , respectively. Hence, Theorem 2.3 of [3] cannot apply to Example 16.

**Remark 18.** Example 14 does not satisfy the inequality 2.8 of [5] at the point  $x = \alpha, y = \gamma$ . Therefore, it is clear that Corollary 2.10 of [5] cannot apply to Example 14. Hence Theorem 10 is more general than Corollary 2.10 of [5].

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